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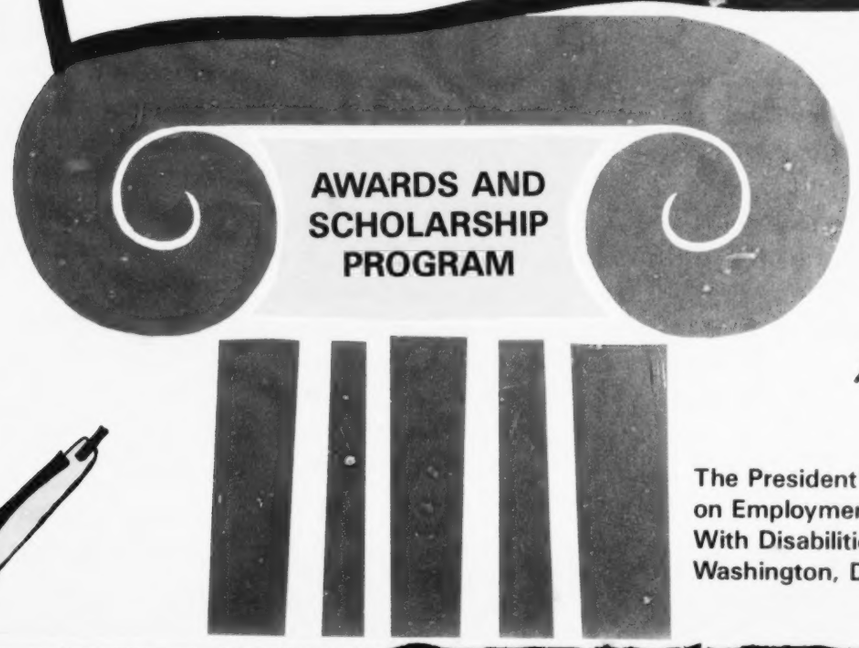
NATIONAL JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The President's Committee
on Employment of People
With Disabilities
Washington, D.C. 20036-3470

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NATIONAL JOURNALISM

PURPOSE

To reward excellence in journalistic writing and to help young Americans become aware of the talents that people with disabilities bring to the job market.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Donated by Disabled American Veterans

First - $3,000
Second - $2,500
Third - $2,000
Fourth - $1,500
Fifth - $1,000

Also included:

- $100 expense money for each State winner, donated by Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary during the President's Committee's Annual Meeting.
- National Commander Certificates from the Disabled American Veterans to all State winners.
- Certificates to national winners signed for the President.
- Chairman's Commendation Certificate to the sponsoring youth leader or teacher.
- Two plaques to the high schools of national winners: one, donated by Disabled American Veterans; the other, by the President's Committee.
- Transportation and at least $150 for all State winners to attend the President's Committee's Annual Meeting in the Spring, courtesy of AFL-CIO State Federations and Councils.
- State and local scholarships as determined by the sponsors.

ELIGIBILITY

ANY 16 through 19-year-old person who has not entered a post secondary school as of March 1 and who lives in U.S.A., Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, or the District of Columbia. The individual can be in high school, a member of the Boy or Girl Scouts, the 4-H Club, or any youth organization.

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE

HOW TO ENTER:

A participant enters the program through participating Governor's Committee or through an organization within the State. Each State establishes its own procedures based on the national criteria. Each State's first-place winning report is entered into national competition.

Contact the Governor's Committee c/o of the State Capitol or write to "National Journalism Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Program," The President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities, Washington, D.C. 20036-3470 for the name of your State's sponsoring organization.

DEADLINES:

The Program begins in the Fall with States establishing their own deadlines. Their deadlines will occur before the national one. ALL REPORTS MUST BE SENT TO THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION FIRST to compete. The sponsoring organization will then submit four copies of the State's winning report to the President's Committee for national judging no later than five days after the national deadline of March 1.

PREPARATION OF REPORTS:

Reports must:

- Be typewritten, double-spaced on white, 8½" x 11" paper
- Be in English
- Not exceed three pages
- Cover some phase of a given theme
- Be identified on a SEPARATE COVER by participant's name; age; Social Security number; and the following (include addresses), if applicable - school, grade, and principal's name, or organization affiliation (eg, member of Girl Scouts).
- Reflect participant's style of writing and thoughts, based on personal observations and interviews with people with disabilities. Any evidence of plagiarism will disqualify a report.
- Be signed on the cover sheet by a person interviewed and by the sponsoring organization.
- Identify all quotes either within the body of the report or as a footnote.

JUDGING STANDARDS

A national judging panel will give condsiderable weight to each entrant's initiative in obtaining information through personal interviews with, and observations of, people with disabilities. Reports will also be judged on significance of content, familiarity with disability issues, use of sensitive language to describe persons who are disabled, organization, and clarity of expression.

NATIONAL DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MARCH 1.

National Journalism Scholarship Program

1990

Message To Participants

1989 was a banner year for 17-year-old Mark Wonsidler of Allentown, Pennsylvania. His article on employment of people with disabilities was chosen first in the Nation by the President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities. He received a $3,000 cash scholarship, an expense-free trip to Tampa, Florida to accept his scholarship at the President's Committee's Annual Meeting and the experience of a lifetime.

Mr. Wonsidler's winning article described how a man became a professional baseball umpire despite the obstacles he encountered because he has only one arm.

You could take Mr. Wonsidler's place. How? By entering the President's Committee's 1990 National Journalism Scholarship Program.

The following guidelines will help you in your efforts:

First Step
Read the accompanying flyer for specifics.

Second Step
Decide what area of the theme, **"Employment: A National Priority"** you can best cover.

Third Step
Research disability issues. Information can be found at libraries, centers for independent living and other organizations that serve persons with disabilities.

Interview people with disabilities and family, friends, neighbors, employers, or individuals receiving training in order to get a balanced picture.

Some questions to help you:
More people with disabilities are working today than ever before, yet a recent Harris Poll indicates that 2/3 of working-age people with disabilities are not employed. **Why? What kind of obstacles get in the way of their being gainfully employed? How would a Nationwide employment policy help eliminate these problems? What impact would such a policy have on the lives of people with disabilities?** Ask them if such a policy will meet their needs. **If not, why not?**

Last Step
When writing your article, be brief, write clearly observing the mechanics of writing and grammar and observe the 5 "W's" of journalism — Who, What, When, Where and Why.

Then submit your entry for judging to the sponsoring organization in your State.

Support

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on its Advisory List of National Contests and Activities for the School Year 1989-1990.

The Council for Exceptional Children endorses this program.

Sponsors

The President's Committee on Employment
of People With Disabilities
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